

March 28, 1988

LB 295, 337A, 826, 838, 838A, 866, 1042

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1822-23 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1042 is advanced. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to be printed to LB 295 by Senator Hall. A letter from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read. Re LB 337A, LB 826, LB 838, LB 838A. See pages 1823-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to LB 866.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 866 was a bill introduced by Senator Chizek and Ashford and Hall. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6, referred to the Retirement Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Retirement Committee, Mr. President. (See page 1331 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, will you handle the committee amendments, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendments strike the original section and the amendment would increase the National Guard tuition assistance program from 1,200 to 1,250 members during the fiscal year. An appropriation of 25,000 for '87-88, and 25,000 for '88-89 is made to the Military Department. I ask for the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Warner, followed by Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is the amendment, you will recall, that deals with the tuition credits, National Guard, or it will with the committee amendments, and I am only going to speak once on this. I would be opposed to the amendment, but not for the reasons that there is something inappropriate about having the tuition paid for some members of the guard. A few years ago, when this program was established, it was primarily established because the enlistment, the authorized strength and the enlistments in the National Guard was getting to a critical level. In fact,